### Prayer of the Faithful

# The Baptism of the Lord, Year C

### Presider

Through our baptism, we share in the priestly prayer of Jesus Christ. In his name, we bring before God our prayers for light, healing, peace and justice.

### Reader

We pray for Pope Francis, our bishops and all church leaders. Gifted by the Holy Spirit, may they be an inspiration to all God’s people through love and true humanity.

Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all the nations of the world. May their leaders work together to find new ways of ensuring peace and justice for all people.

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**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray that we will always welcome those from other traditions, or those with no religious background, who wish to be baptised into our community of faith. May we openly share with them the fruits of our tradition.

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**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have been baptised into the Body of Christ, the Church. Together, may we be faithful to the teachings of Jesus.

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We pray for strength and peace for those who are sick and for those who care for them.  
We pray for those who have died recently and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time. May the God of mercy fulfil the promise of their baptism by welcoming them into eternal life.

Lord, hear us.  
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Loving and merciful God, receive the prayers of your people, who entrust their hopes and hurts to you through Christ, our Lord.   
**Amen.**